Costello Elvis "I Thought I'd Write To Juliet"

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Words & Music: Mac Manus (4:08)

I thought I'd write to Juliet, for she would understand And when someone is already dead they can no longer let you down Instead I find myself talking to you, as my oldest friend Tell me how I can advise someone, that I don't even know, To welcome death For I received a letter that is worth reporting And though it may raise a cynical smile It leaves a sinking feeling Like when a soldier in a story says to the sergeant... "Have you seen my pride and joy?..." You know the rest...and it's no joke...Forgive me please as I quote... "This is a letter of thanks, as I'm so bored here in I can't say where. So I'm writing to people that I may never meet And I was thinking if something you said ... " "I'm a female soldier, my name is Constance. I enlisted in the military needing funds for college I'm twenty-three years old and if I do get home alive I imagine I may think again..." "I'm sleeping with my eyes open for fear of attack Your words are a comfort, they're the best thing that I have

Apart from family pictures and, of course, my gas mask

I don't know why I am writing to you"

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